THE INDIAN TREASURE TROVE ACT, 1878 (VI OF 1878).

G. N., G. D., No. 1326, dated 25th April 1881 (B. G., Pt. I, p. 222). S. 3

Under the provisions of section 3 of Act VI of 1878 (The Indian Treasure Trove Act), His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mamlatdars in the several Districts of this Presidency to perform in their several charges the functions of Collectors under the said Act.

G. N., G. D., No. 5042, dated 3rd January 1924 (B. G., Pt. I, p. 19). S. 3

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 3 of the Indian Treasure Trove Act, VI of 1878, the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint the Deputy Collector of Bombay to perform the functions of a Collector under the said Act.

G. N., G. D., No. 5921, dated 30th September 1908 (B. G., Pt. I, p. 1566). S. 19

Amended by G. N., G. D., No. 4792, dated 10th June 1919.
Amended by G. N., R. D., No. 4298/33 (a), dated 16th February 1938.
Amended by G. N., R. D., No. S. 108, dated 11th February 1952.

In exercise of the power conferred by section 19 of the Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878 (VI of 1878), and in supersession of Government Notification in the General Department, No. 913, dated 13th March 1882, the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following rules, namely :—

1. (1) In cases in which treasure is found hidden in soil the ownership of which vests in the State Government, the Collector making the inquiry under the Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878, shall serve the special notice in writing required by clause (*b*) of section 5 of the Act, on the Government Pleader of any Civil Court within the limits of the jurisdiction of which the treasure has been found, or on any officer who may be appointed by the State Government as Agent in this behalf, and such Government Pleader or officer shall, except in cases in which the treasure is less than one hundred rupees in value, appear on behalf of the State Government before the Collector making the said inquiry on the day mentioned in the said notice.

(2) The Government Pleader shall be entitled to the usual fees calculated on the value of the share of the treasure to which the State Government lays claim, subject to any increase that may be sanctioned by the State Government in particular cases.

2. Before acquiring or making a declaration under section 16 of the said Act of his intention to acquire on behalf of the State Government any treasure the Collector shall obtain the orders of the State Government in the following manner, namely :—

(*a*) *In the case of treasure consisting of coins not of Indian mintage—*

(1) The Collector shall, as soon as practicable after the coins have been discovered, send all of them to the Secretary to the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, provided that, if the number of the coins is too large to be conveniently sent by post, only a selected number of specimens shall be sent.

(2) The Secretary of the Society shall send any coins thus received for scrutiny to one or more of the experts on the Society's list.

(3) The expert or experts may correspond with the Collector through the Secretary of the Society and shall forward the report of his or their examination of the coins to the Secretary of the Society, who will retain the coins with him and submit the report of the experts to Government in the General Department together with a distribution list prepared by him in one or both of the forms appended to these rules.

(*b*) *In the case of treasure not consisting of coins*—

(1) The Collector shall, as soon as practicable after the treasure has been discovered, report the fact direct to the State Government and to the Superintendent, Archæological Survey, Western Circle or the Director of Archæology, Baroda, within whose local jurisdiction the treasure has been discovered, stating—

(*a*) the name of the finder ;
(*b*) the nature of the treasure ;
(*c*) the approximate value of the treasure ;
(*d*) the date of the finding of the treasure ;
(*e*) the origin, surroundings, exact position, direction and exact nature of the find.

(2) The Superintendent, Archæological Survey, Western Circle, or the Director of Archæology, Baroda, as the case may be, shall, on receipt of the report,—

(*a*) arrange for an inspection of the treasure either by himself or by a deputy whenever it appears to him, from the report in question, that such inspection is desirable ;

(*b*) make or have made as soon as possible a rough drawing of the position of the things found ; and

(*c*) advise the State Government without delay as to the desirability of acquiring the treasure under section 16 of the said Act in the event of an ultimate declaration by the Collector under section 9 of the said Act.

(3) If the State Government decide to acquire such treasure, whether on the report of the Superintendent, Archæological Survey, Western Circle, or the Director of Archaeology, Baroda, as the case may be, or otherwise, the State Government shall so inform the Collector, who after making the said declaration and complying with the provisions of section 16 of the said Act shall, as soon as possible, forward the treasure so acquired either to the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India or to any other centre which the State Government may direct.

3. The Superintendent, Archæological Survey, Western Circle, or the Director of Archæology, Baroda, as the case may be, shall include in his annual report a brief summary of the results of the examination of coins and other treasure-trove during the year under review. The summary shall show the total number of coins dealt with during the year, their classification by metal and also, roughly by the series to which they refer. It shall also give a short account of any notable finds, whether of coins or of other treasure-trove and the distribution of coins during the year shall be shown in a separate table. Form C appended to the rules shall be used for this purpose.

FORM A.

Report No. *of* *on* *Coins found at* , *district* , *received with* *Collector's* *G. O. No.* *dated*

(This form is used for Mughal Coins only).

Number and Metal.	Name of King.	Mint.	Type.	Year.		Month.
				Regnal or Ilahi.	Hijri.	

To be acquired for

The Principal Museum of the State in which the treasure is found.	The Indian Museum, Calcutta.	The Madras Museum.	The Provincial Museum, Lucknow.	The Lahore Museum.	The Nagpur Museum.	The Public Library, Shillong.	The Archæological Museum, Poona.

To be acquired for

The Peshawar Museum.	The Quetta Museum.	The Ajmere Museum.	The Rangoon Museum.	Asiatic Society, Bengal.	Bombay Branch, Royal Asiatic Society.	The British Museum.	For sale at

N.B.—For the present the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society is to be considered the rincipal Museum of the Bombay Presidency.

FORM B.

Report No. *of* *on* *Coins found at* *district* , *received with* *G. O. No.* / *Collector's* *dated*

(This form is used for all class of Coins but the Mughal series.)

Number and Metal.	Obverse.	Reverse.	References and Remarks.	To be acquired for	
				The Principal Museum of the State in which the treasure is found.	The Indian Museum, Calcutta.

To be acquired for

The Madras Museum.	The Provincial Museum, Lucknow.	The Lahore Museum.	The Nagpur Museum.	The Public Library, Shillong.	The Archæological Museum, Poona.	The Peshawar Museum.

To be acquired for						For sale at
The Quetta Museum.	The Ajmere Museum.	The Rangoon Museum.	Asiatic Society, Bengal.	Bombay Branch, Royal Asiatic Society.	The British Museum.	

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FORM C.

Metal.	Ancient.	Mediaeval.	Pathan.	Suri.	Moghal.	Oudh.	East India Company.		Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Gold ..									
Silver ..									
Copper ..									
Total ..									